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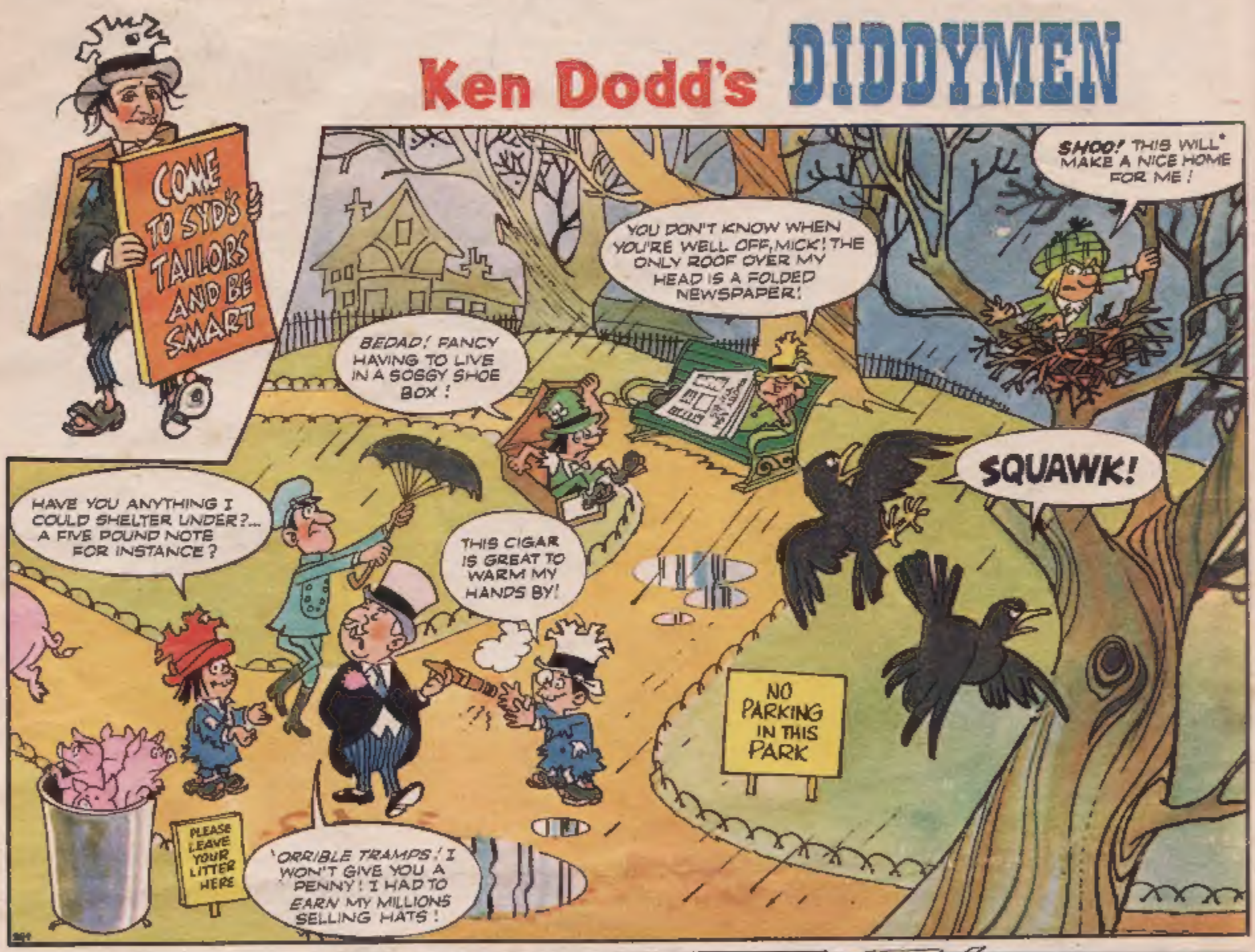
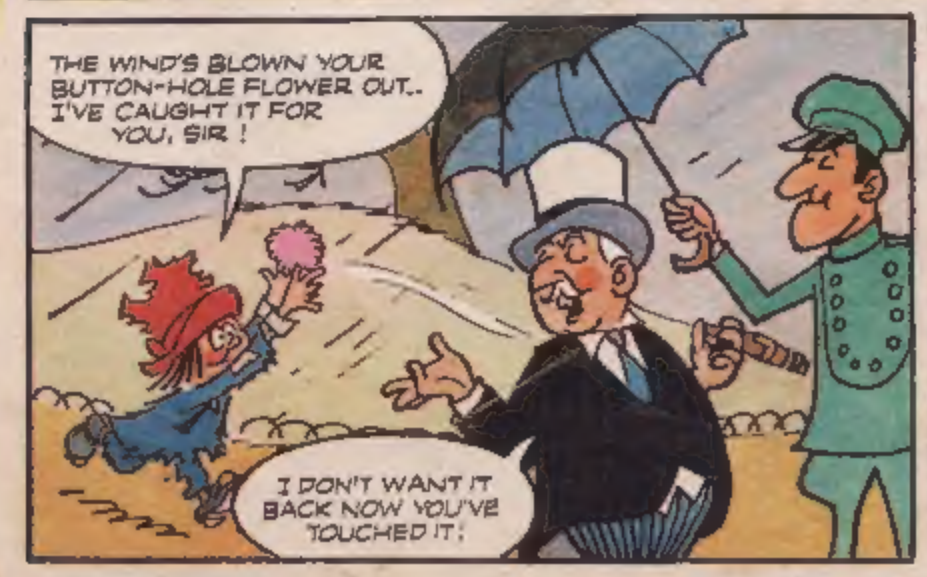
Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN


COME TO SYD'S TAILORS AND BE SMART
BEDAD! FANCY HAVING TO LIVE IN A SOGGY SHOE BOX!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'RE WELL OFF, MICK! THE ONLY ROOF OVER MY HEAD IS A FOLDED NEWSPAPER!
SHOO! THIS WILL MAKE A NICE HOME FOR ME!
SQUAWK!
HAVE YOU ANYTHING I COULD SHELTER UNDER?... A FIVE POUND NOTE FOR INSTANCE?
THIS CIGAR IS GREAT TO WARM MY HANDS BY!
NO PARKING IN THIS PARK
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR LITTER HERE
'ORRIBLE TRAMPS! I WON'T GIVE YOU A PENNY! I HAD TO EARN MY MILLIONS SELLING HATS!



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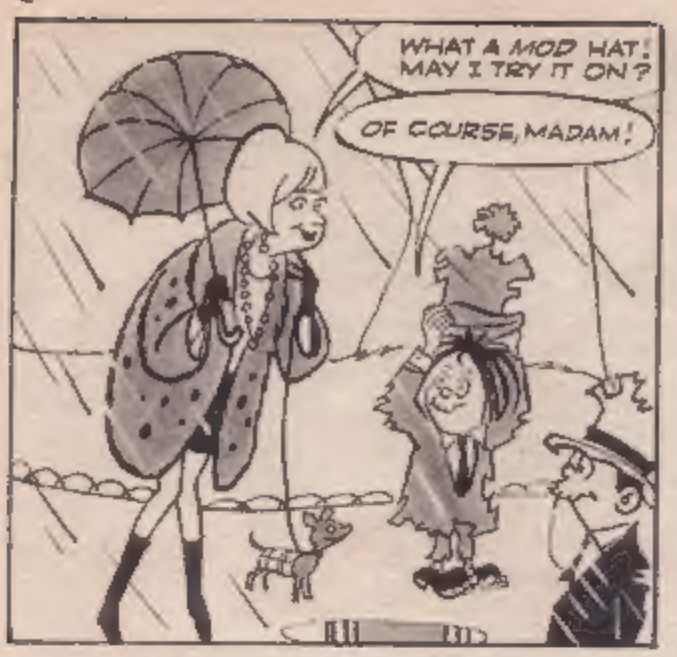
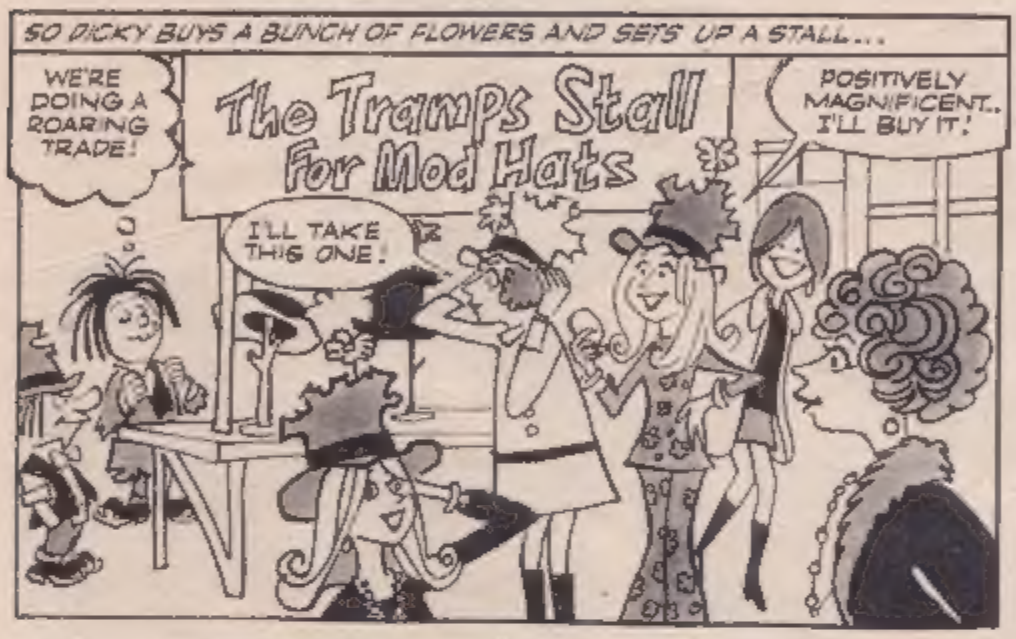
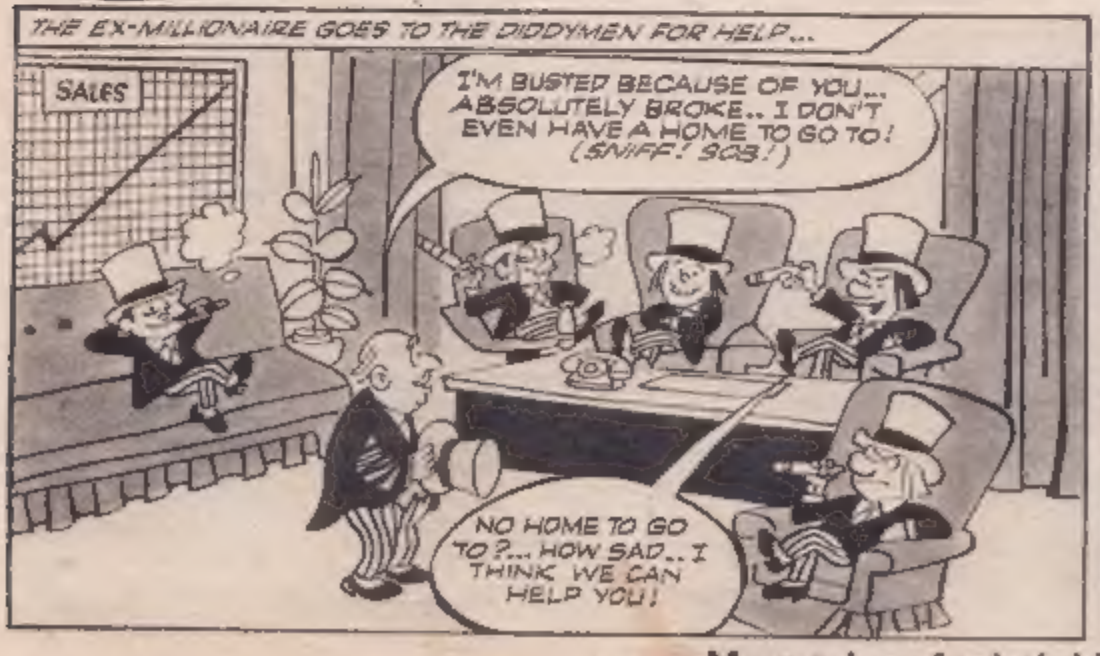



SO DICKY BUYS A BUNCH OF FLOWERS AND SETS UP A STALL...
WE'RE DOING A ROARING TRADE!
The Tramps Stall For Mod Hats
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE!
POSITIVELY MAGNIFICENT.. I'LL BUY IT!

THE MILLIONAIRE HAT DEALER BECOMES WORRIED BY THE DIDDY COMPETITION...
La Posh HAT STORE
THOSE PESKY TRAMPS ARE RUINING MY TRADE!

AT THE END OF THE DAY...
The Tramps Stall For Mod Hats
WE'VE MADE A FORTUNE! NOW WE CAN AFFORD A HUGE SHOP AND POSH OFFICES!
WHOOPEE!


THE EX-MILLIONAIRE GOES TO THE DIDDYMEN FOR HELP...
SALES
I'M BUSTED BECAUSE OF YOU... ABSOLUTELY BROKE.. I DON'T EVEN HAVE A HOME TO GO TO! (SNIFF! SOB!)
NO HOME TO GO TO?... HOW SAD.. I THINK WE CAN HELP YOU!

Mountains of mirth high on Knotty Ash High Street next week!

TV Terrors

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ENTERING THIS COMPETITION!

TV FISHING COMPETITION
PRIZE FOR THE BIGGEST CATCH

YEEOWCH! CLEAR OFF, TERRORS! YOU'RE NOT WANTED HERE!

WHUMP!

DON'T WORRY, GANG... I'VE A PLAN TO FIX HOPPIT!

SO... THAT WEIGHING MACHINE IS USED FOR WEIGHING THE FISH... YOU CLIMB THAT TREE AND STAND BY TO JUMP, BUTTONS!

OKAY, MONICA!

MOMENTS LATER...

HERE GOES!

BEAUTIFUL TIMING.. IT'S GOING TO BE RIGHT ON TARGET!

THUD!

YEEEURK!

BINGO!

DOINK!

DAZE

NEYAARGH!

SLIP!

SPLOSH!

DON'T WORRY, HOPPIT... WE'LL FISH YOU OUT!

GLUG!

SO...

HO! HO! HO!

HA! HA! HA!

YOU WIN WITH THE HEAVIEST CATCH OF THE DAY... SIXTEEN AND A HALF STONE!

CLAP! CLAP!

GURG! GULP!

Next week's story is a dream when Hoppit has a nightmare about his boots!

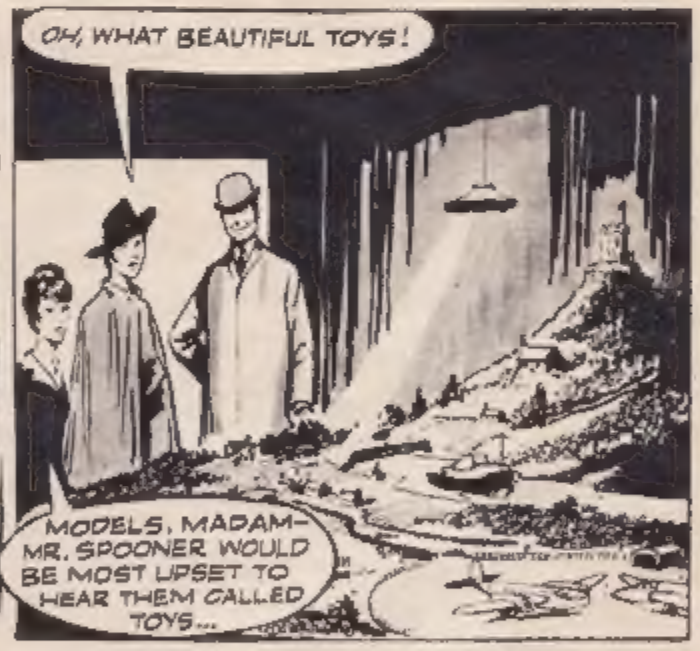
THE AVENGERS

EARLY one evening, Steed and Tara King edge through the jostling crowds doing their Christmas shopping in London's West End. They are heading for Durrbridge's, the large department store.

WE'LL, THEY WERE IN THEIR OFFICES IN WHITEHALL WHEN THEY JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
BUT WHAT POSSIBLE CONNECTION IS THERE WITH THIS STORE?

TOY LAND
EACH OFFICER RECEIVED A VISIT FROM A MR SPOONER, WHO WORKS HERE, JUST BEFORE THEY DISAPPEARED!
HMM... QUITE A COINCIDENCE!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WE'D JUST LIKE A FEW WORDS WITH MR. SPOONER, PLEASE!
OUR MANAGER - I THINK HE'S IN THE MODEL'S SECTION... THIS WAY PLEASE!



I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT - THE WORKMANSHIP IS SUPERB ...
MR SPOONER BUILDS MANY OF THEM HIMSELF - HE'S REALLY A VERY CLEVER ENGINEER!

MR. SPOONER HAS A LITTLE WORKSHOP AT THE BACK HERE, THIS WAY PLEASE ...
IF THEY'RE BUSYBODIES COME TO SPY ON 'ME, THEY'RE IN FOR A VERY UNPLEASANT SURPRISE... HE! HE! HE!

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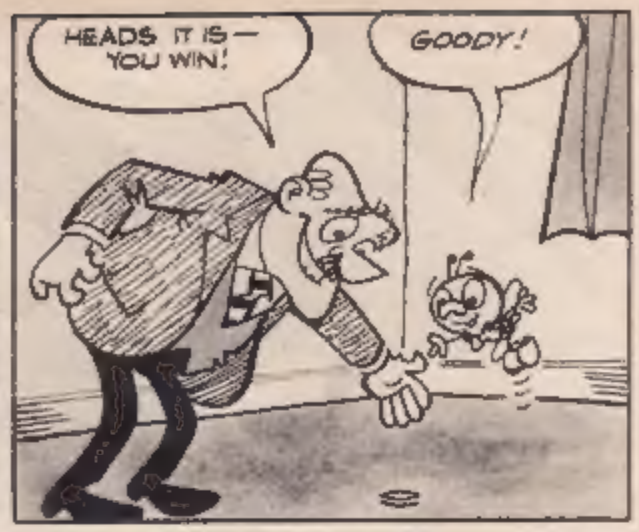
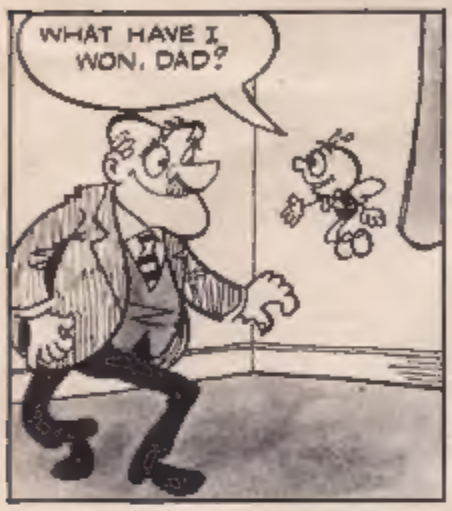
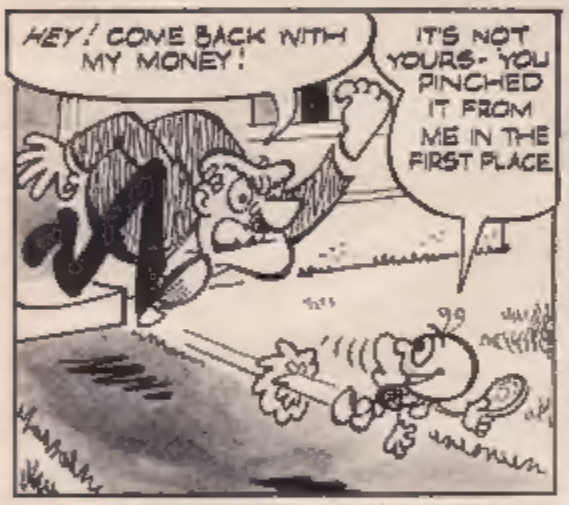
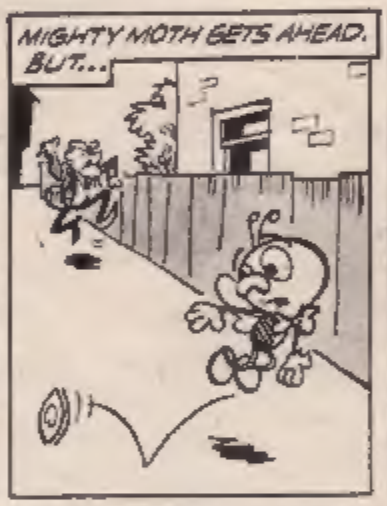
What danger awaits Tara and Steed? See next week's gripping episode!

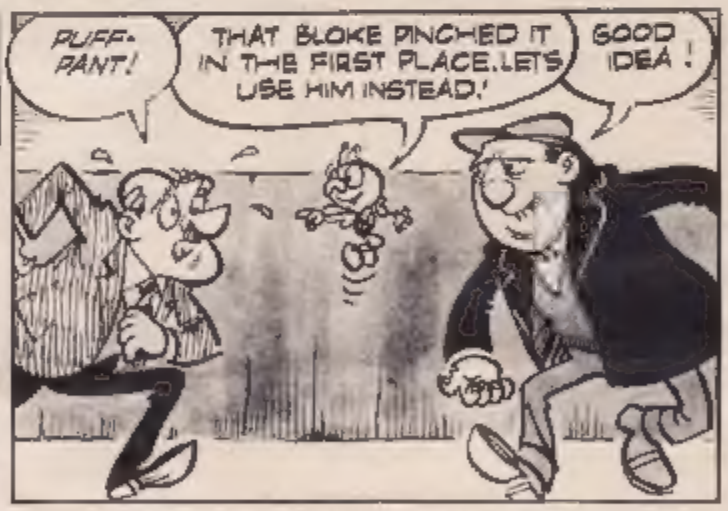
MIGHTY MOTH

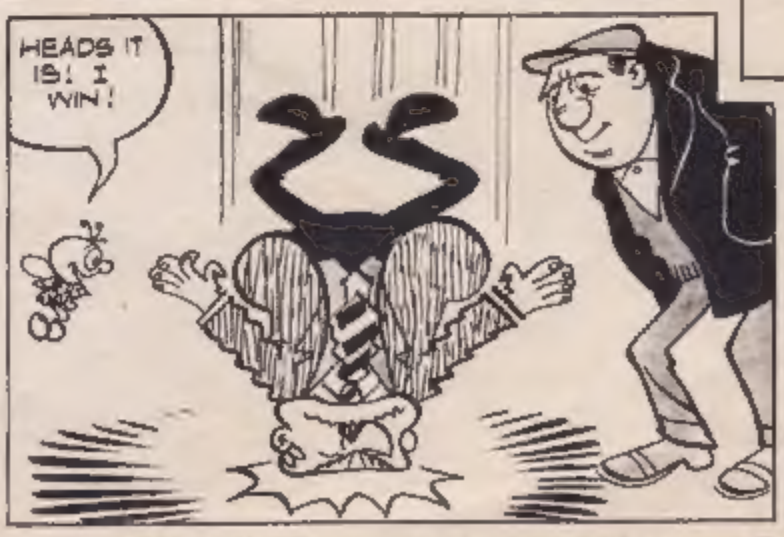








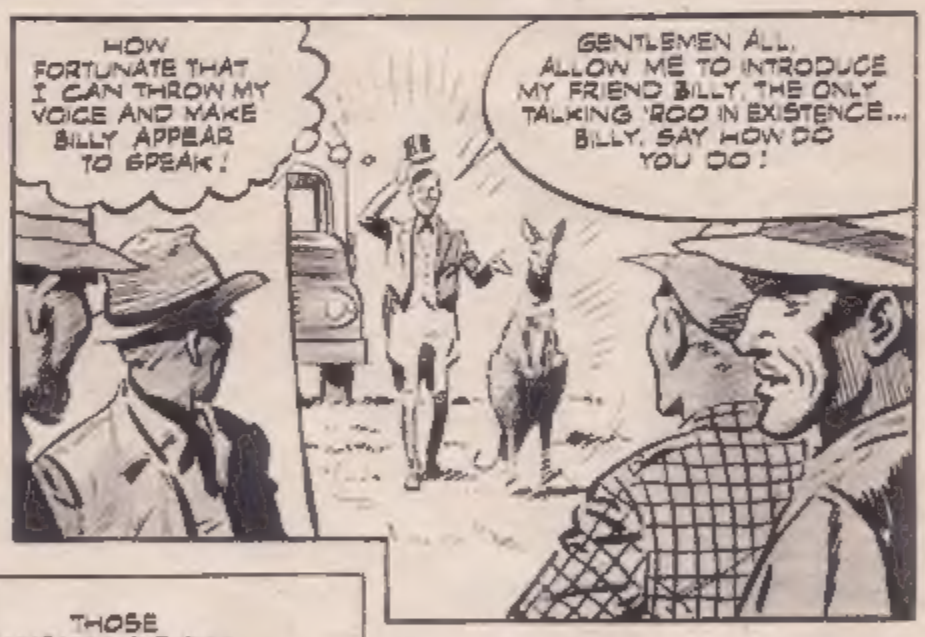




Dad falls in a printing machine . . . Read all about it next week!

SKIPPY
the bush kangaroo

SONNY has been grabbed by some rogues who are hiding in a van belonging to Professor Voisey, who runs a show with a talking and boxing kangaroo. Skippy is so shocked at this that she hides in the bush . . .


HOW FORTUNATE THAT I CAN THROW MY VOICE AND MAKE BILLY APPEAR TO SPEAK!
GENTLEMEN ALL, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND BILLY, THE ONLY TALKING 'ROO IN EXISTENCE... BILLY, SAY HOW DO YOU DO!

IN THE VAN...
THOSE TOUGHS HAVE TIED ME SO TIGHTLY I CAN HARDLY MOVE. AND IT'S NO GOOD SHOUTING FOR HELP BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH NOISE OUTSIDE. I WISH I COULD SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING!

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Sonny is in for a surprise next week! Don't miss the excitement!

Bob Monkhouse's MAD MOVIES

featuring

The Keystone Kops

THE KROOKS' HOBBY IS KOLLECTING KOP KLOBBER...

KROOKS HIDEOUT

WHAT A FINE KOLLECTION... WE MUST ADD A FEW MORE ITEMS! HAR! HAR! HAR!

CAPTURED 4th JULY

HELMET PINCHED 15th JUNE

YEAH!

MEANWHILE, AT THE KOP STATION...

YOU STUPID LOT...FANCY LETTING THE KROOKS STEAL PARTS OF YOUR KIT!

S-SORRY, C-CHIEFY!

I'LL GO AND SORT THOSE KROOKS OUT ALONE! IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO GET YOUR KLOBBER BACK!

HMM!

I KNOW HOW TO FIX CHIEFY! YUK! YUK!

SO...

KEEP FIT GYM

IN THIS DISGUISE I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK CHIEFY INTO VISITING THE KEEP FIT GYM!

WHY NOT POP INTO THE GYM AND MAKE YOURSELF BIG AND TOUGH, CHIEFY?

GYM

HMM! IF I'M GONNA TAKE ON ALL THE KROOKS I COULD DO WITH A TOUGHENING UP COURSE!

INSIDE...

PHEW!

GRUNT!

PUFF!

THE NEXT THING IS TO GET HIM TO TAKE A TURKISH BATH: HEH! HEH!

A LITTLE LATER...

WHAT YOU NEED NOW IS A SPELL IN THE TURKISH BATH TO FINISH OFF!

TURKISH BATH

OKAY..(PANT!) BUT I SEEM TO BE GETTING WEAKER INSTEAD OF TOUGHER! (GASP!)

BOY, THIS FEELS GOOD!

THEN...

OH, NO! KORNERED BY THE KROOKS!

WARM HOT DANGER

YOU LOOK COLD...I'LL PUT THE TEMPERATURE UP A LITTLE, CHIEFY! HEH! HEH!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

RUMBLE

HISSSS

OOOHYAH! IT'S REACHING BOILING POINT IN HERE!

THROB!

BOOM!

ZOOM!

GROAN!

POOR OLD CHIEFY'S BEEN *KLOBBERED* TRYING TO GET OUR KLOBBER BACK! HAR! HAR!

HAW! HAW! MORE KIT FOR OUR KOLLECTION!

Rights granted by Raymond Rohauer, owner and assignee of Estate of Mack Sennett

Kackles galore knext week when Kourageous Kalhoun visits Keystone!

BASIL BRUSH

GUV! THERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU!

SCREECH!

SQUEAL!

COR! PEACE H'AT LAST!

GREAT SUDDEN SURPRISES! IT'S AN INVITATION FROM LADY SNOBBLETON. I MUST TAKE MY VIOLIN!

COR! THE CARS BROKEN DOWN! THE DYE'S RUNNING OUT OF ME 'AT! I WISH I WAS OME AT THE MANOR!

WELL, STANDING AROUND WON'T HELP US GET BACK, CHUMMERS! WE'D BETTER FIND A PHONE!

GOOD EVENING... I...

OOOOER!

YEEOOOOOO

BETTE TRY H'AN 'OUSE GUV!

HURRY UP! YOU'VE ALMOST MISSED THE JUDGING...

MISSED THE...? HERE I SAY... WE...

FANCY DRESS BALL PRIZES

WE DECLARE YOU THE WINNERS OF THE FANCY DRESS PARADE!

CLAP CLAP

HOORAH!

WELL DONE!

I SAY THAT'S JOLLY NICE OF YOU... ER, ISN'T IT, CHUMMERS?

YES..H'ONLY ONE THING.. WE AIN'T WEARING FANCY DRESS!

GREAT PUZZLING PRIZES! A CHEQUE. NO LESS.. WHAT AN AMAZING EVENING!

ARTHUR

and his Square Knights of the Round Table

I-I'M C-COLD, ARTHUR! C-CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT H-HEATING THIS PLACE?

NO TIME, DEAR! I'M OFF TO SETTLE A SCORE WITH AN OLD ENEMY WHO LIVES IN THE HILLS!

MINUTES LATER...

ALL ARTHUR'S INTERESTED IN IS FIGHTING... HE DOESN'T CARE IF I F-FREEZE TO DEATH!

LATER...

THERE! THAT'LL BE 50 SOVEREIGNS!

ER... BUT WHERE'S THE BOILER?

SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY.. I HAVEN'T INVENTED BOILERS YET! HE! HE!

BAH! I'VE BEEN SWINDLED!

MINUTES LATER...

AH! I SEE A CLOUD OF DUST IN THE DISTANCE..MUST BE ARTHUR RETURNING FROM HIS BATTLE IN THE HILLS!

SO, LATER THAT DAY...

I FEEL A RIGHT CHARLIE! WHY DO I 'AVE TO WEAR YOUR CLOTHES, GUV?

BECAUSE OLD CHAPPIE, WE HAVE TO LOOK REALLY SMART, TONIGHT!

BETTER BRING A SPARE VIOLIN IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS, CHUMMERS!

OH, NO! H'AS IF GUV'S VIOLIN PLAYING WASN'T A BIG ENOUGH 'DAMPER' H'ON THE EVENING, NOW IT'S GOT TO RAIN!

GREAT SWAMPING SHOWERS! WHAT A NIGHT!

WHAT'S MORE, THE CAR H'IS PACKING UP!

BOOM!

SLAM!

QUICK! PHONE THE POLICE... WE'VE GOT GANGSTERS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

ETTER ANOTHER OUSE, UV!

WHAT'S H'UP WITH H'EVERYONE? THEY'RE H'ALL LOCKING H'UP!

TOWN HALL

COME ON CHUMMERS.. LET'S TRY OVER HERE!

GOT YOU! COME ALONG QUIETLY! WE'LL TAKE THOSE TOMMY-GUNS!

TOMMY-GUNS! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT'S THE PAIR, THE PHONE CALLS WERE ABOUT.. CAREFUL MEN.. THEY'RE ARMED!

LUVVUS! THAT EXPLAINS IT... EVERYONE THINKS WE'RE GANGSTERS!

AT THE POLICE STATION...

ARRESTED! AND I WOULD'VE BEEN THE STAR OF THE EVENING AT LADY SNOBBLETON'S TOO!

SCREECH

YOWL!

NEVER MIND, GUV! YOU'LL GET A REWARD FOR THIS PERFORMANCE! WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE BY MORNING... HEE! HEE!

Chummers delivers the laughs as a postman next week!

WONDER WHO THAT CAN BE AT THE DOOR?

KNOCK KNOCK

GREETINGS, YOUR MAJESTY! I'M SELLING CENTRAL-HEATING SYSTEMS... ARE YOU INTERESTED?

WHY YES... BUT CENTRAL-HEATING HASN'T BEEN INVENTED YET...

YES IT HAS... I'VE JUST INVENTED IT! IT'LL ONLY COST 50 SOVEREIGNS TO INSTAL!

ASSORTED PIPES

THEN GO AHEAD... IT'S WHAT WE NEED IN THIS CHILLY PLACE!

SO... (BOO! HOO!) I'VE BOUGHT A CENTRAL-HEATING SYSTEM BUT THERE WAS NO BOILER WITH IT.. WHAT CAN I DO, ARTHUR?

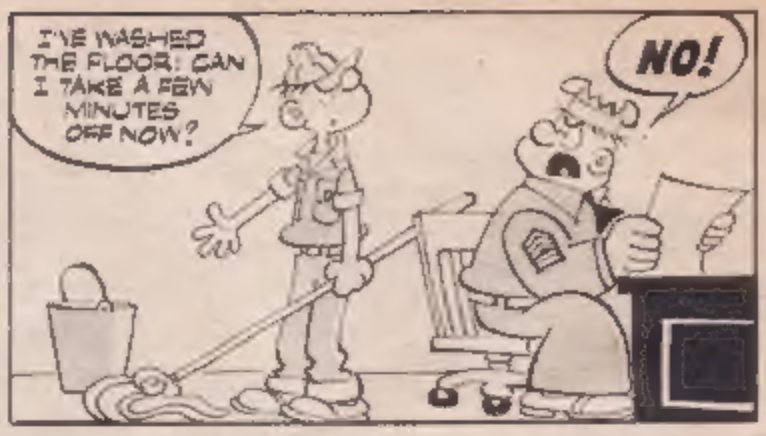
NOT TO WORRY... I'VE BROUGHT SOMETHING BACK WITH ME THAT WILL DO THE TRICK!

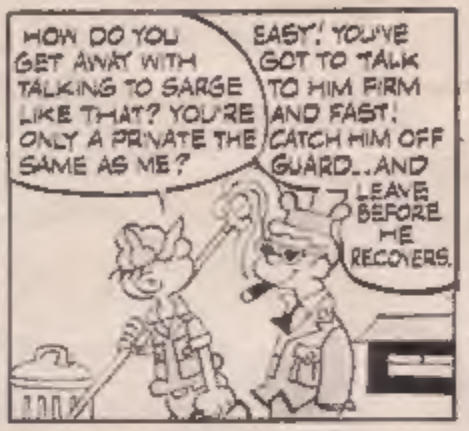
LATER... GOOD OLD ARTHUR... YOUR TRIP TO THE HILLS HAS PROVIDED ME WITH HEATING AFTER ALL!

YES! THIS DRAGON'S *HOT* STUFF! HE'S GOING TO MAKE A USEFUL PRISONER!

Watch out for comical cookery in the castle's kitchens next week!

BEETLE BAILEY




HOW DO YOU GET AWAY WITH TALKING TO SARGE LIKE THAT? YOU'RE ONLY A PRIVATE THE SAME AS ME?
EASY! YOU'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM FIRM AND FAST! CATCH HIM OFF GUARD...AND LEAVE BEFORE HE RECOVERS.

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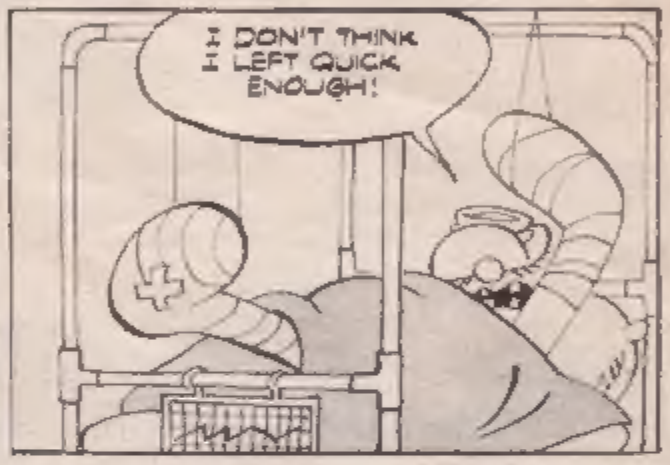

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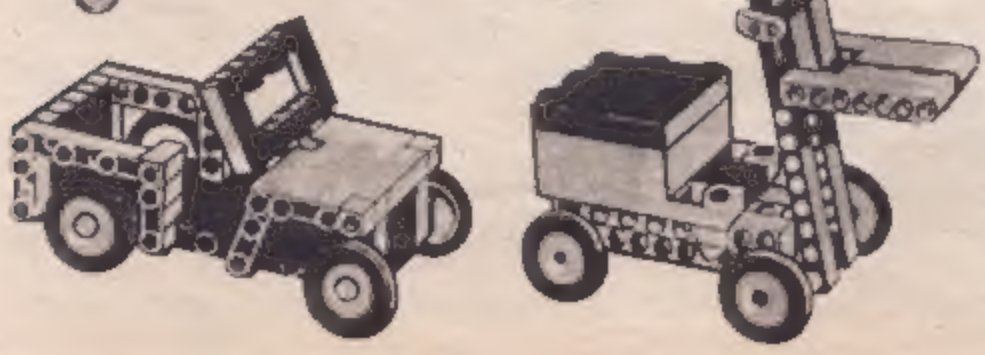

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HOW

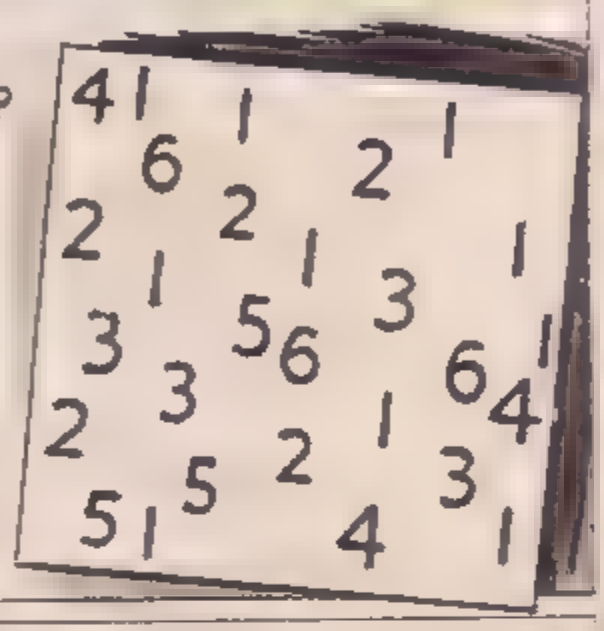
How the saying 'Hobson's Choice' originated

MEANING "Take it or leave it" or "No Alternative" this expression dates from the sixteenth century At that time a Cambridge carrier named Thomas Hobson kept a large number of horses for hire. When a customer came, he was led to the stable, and was obliged to take the horse nearest the door This ensured that every horse went out in turn, and every customer was treated alike

How quickly can you do it?

THE puzzle here is to rule three straight lines on this square dividing it so that the figures in each section add up to eleven

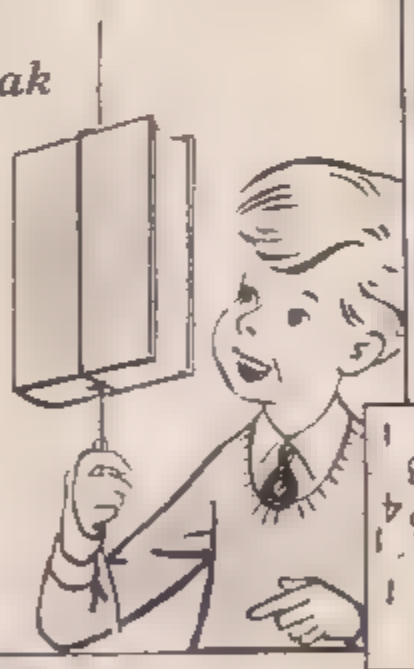
You can check your solution in the panel below

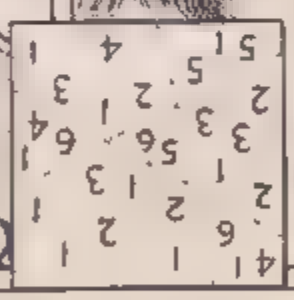


How you can choose which string will break

IF you can find a place from which to hang a large book as in the picture, this is quite a good trick. Cut a piece of string in two and hang the book up with one length and tie the other piece underneath.

By pulling steadily on the lower string you will cause the string above the book to break, but if you give the lower string a sharp tug, it will snap below the book.





How to account for partly eaten toadstools

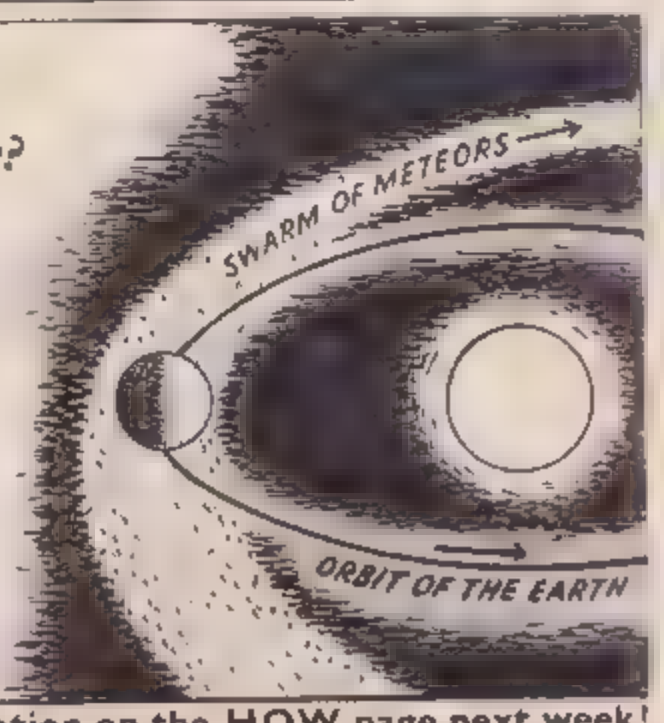
WILD life exists in the most unexpected places, and although you may never see the animals themselves they often leave clues which will teach you something of their lives and habits

For instance, if in the autumn you come across partly eaten toadstools you can be very sure that a grey squirrel has visited that spot, and is probably living nearby.

How and why are there so many shooting stars in November?

SHOOTING stars are meteors and those which appear in the night sky in November are called the Leonids because they seem to come from the constellation of Leo (the Lion). They are thought to be fragments from a vanished comet which are revolving in orbit.

Every November the earth's orbit enters the path of this swarm of fragments as is shown in the diagram. Those that come within seventy or eighty miles of the earth begin to glow through friction with our atmosphere and usually burn out before reaching the ground.



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More interest and fascination on the HOW page next week!

Another great TV COMIC painting competition!

1000 tickets to be won!

(2 per winner) for Tom Arnold's £150,000 pantomime

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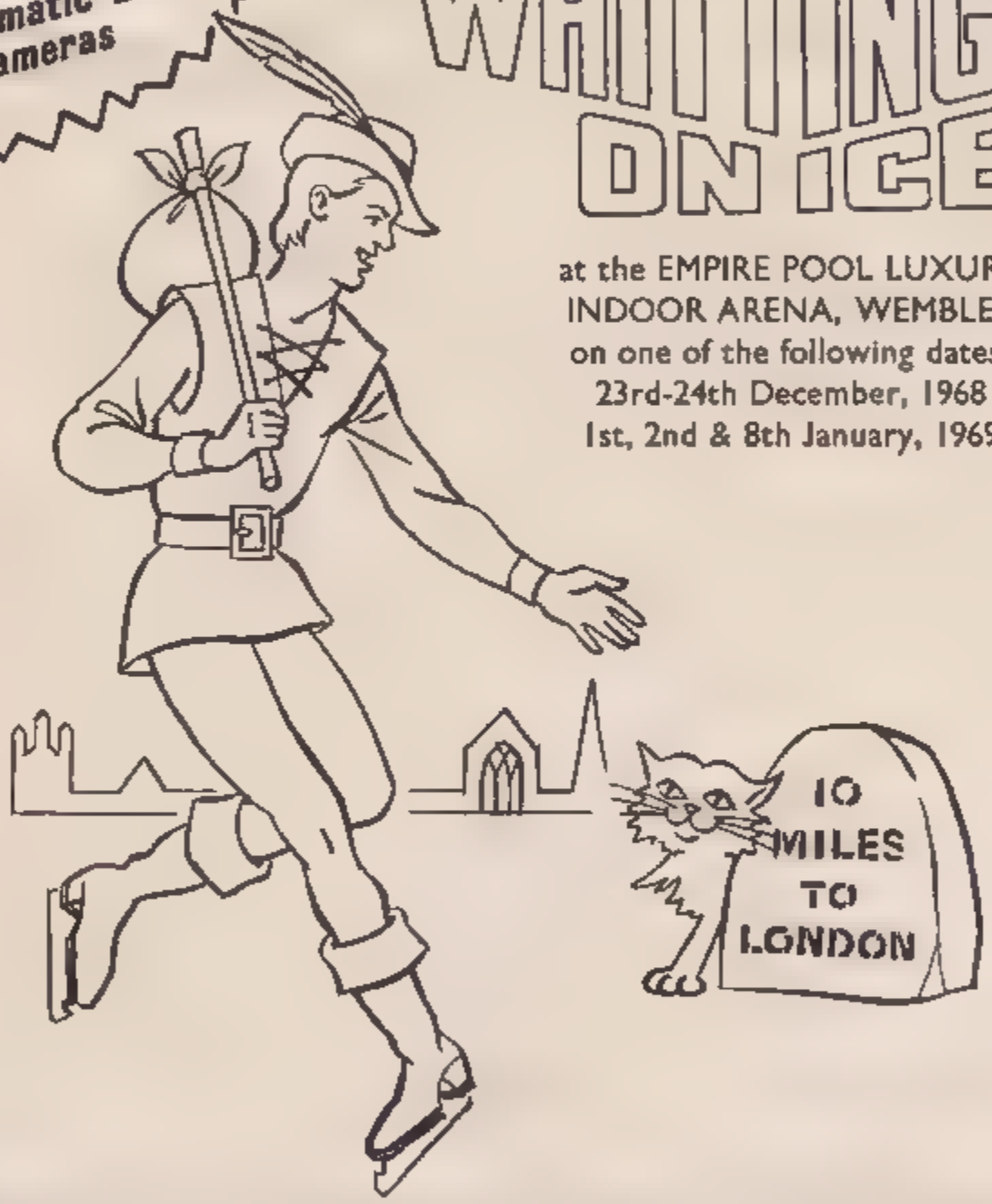
DICK WHITTINGTON ON ICE

at the EMPIRE POOL LUXURY INDOOR ARENA, WEMBLEY
on one of the following dates:
23rd-24th December, 1968
1st, 2nd & 8th January, 1969



TO ENTER, colour this picture of Dick Whittington with paints or crayons and send it to the following address:

Dick Whittington Painting Competition,
TV Comic, 100 Temple Chambers,
Temple Avenue, London E.C.4.

IMPORTANT: Your parent or guardian must sign your entry saying he or she will accompany you if you are successful in winning tickets The Editor's decision is final and we regret it will not be possible to change winners' tickets for another performance. All entries must be received by **Wednesday, 27th November, 1968.** Please state your name, age and address in the space below.

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Signature.....(Parent/Guardian) .....

Larry Harmon's Laurel & Hardy

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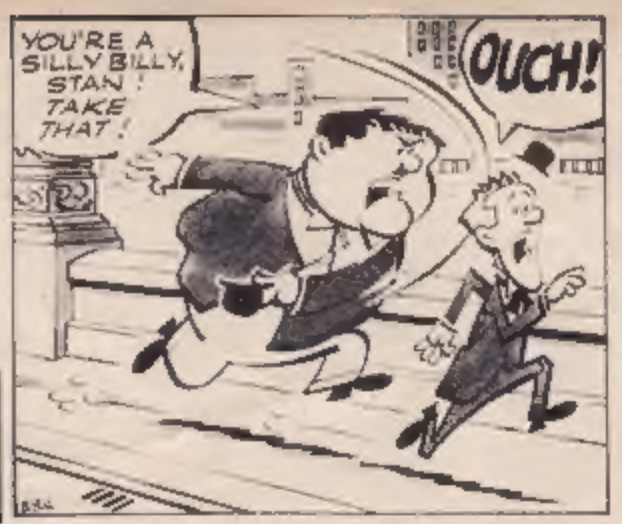

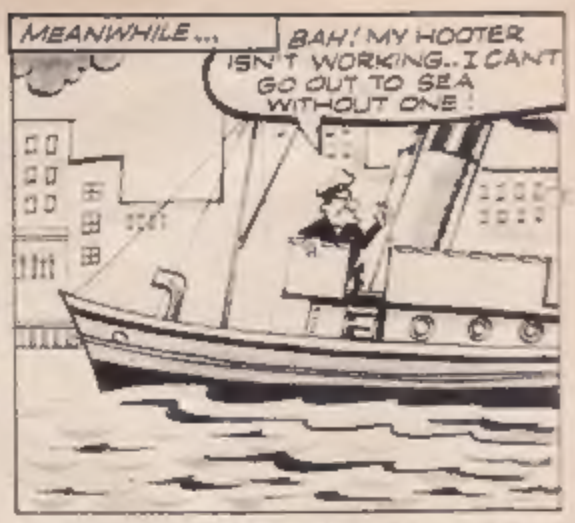

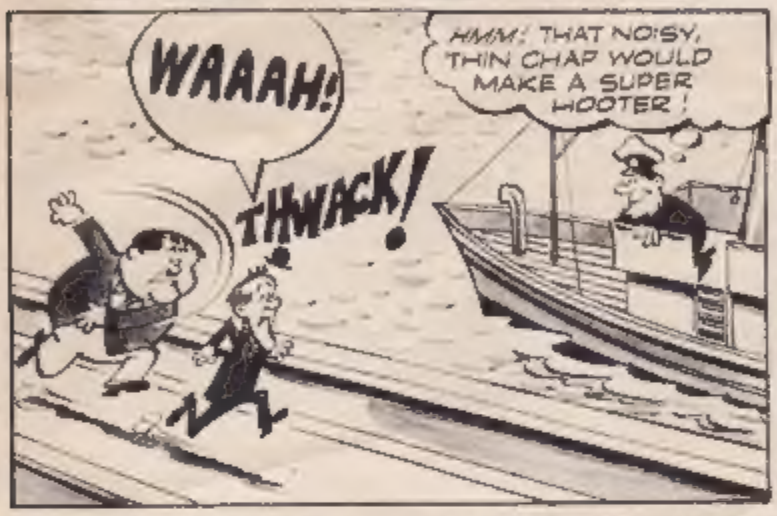

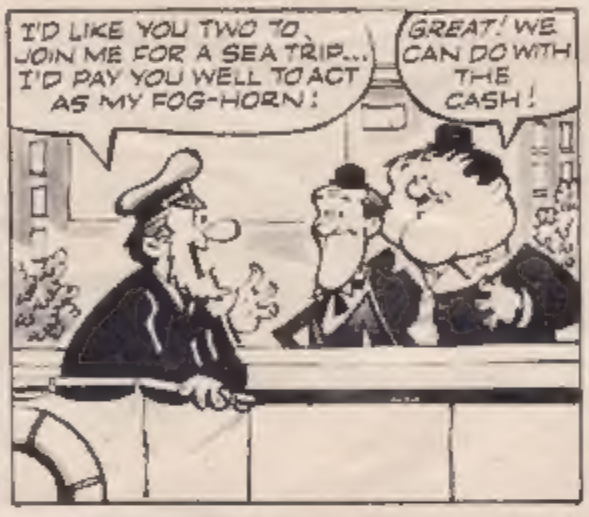

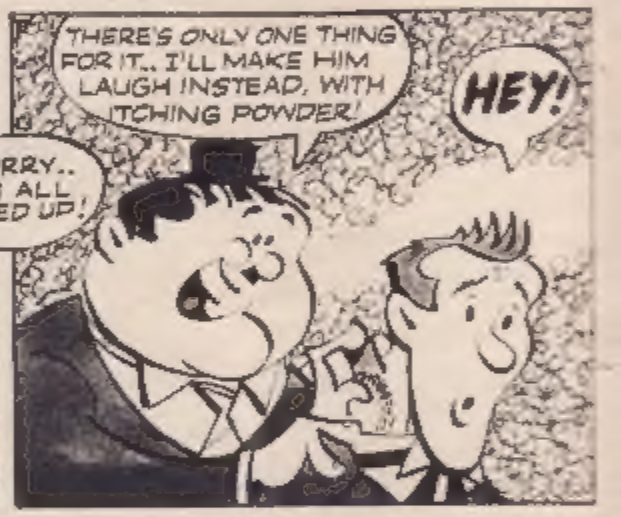

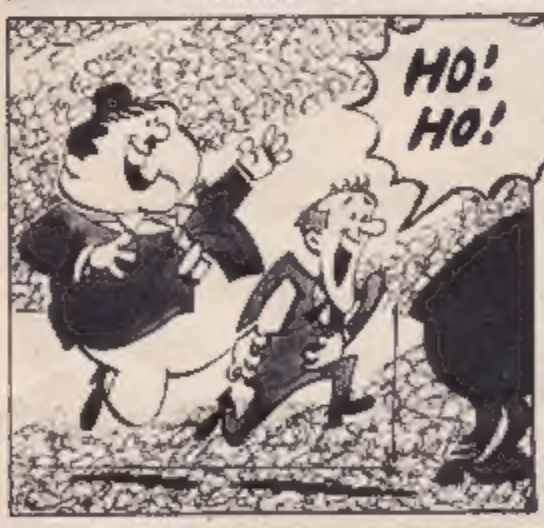

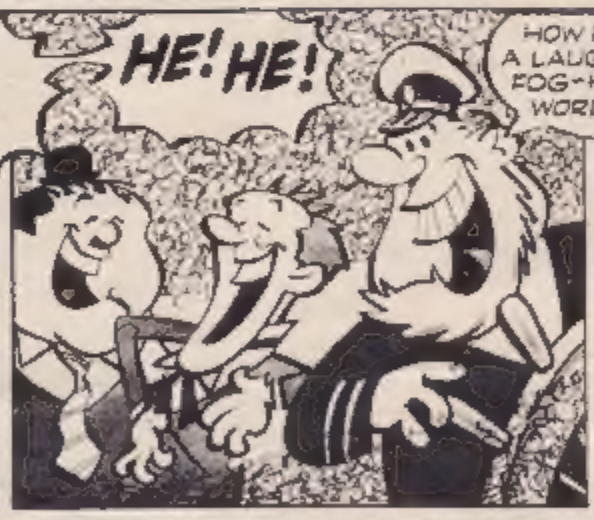

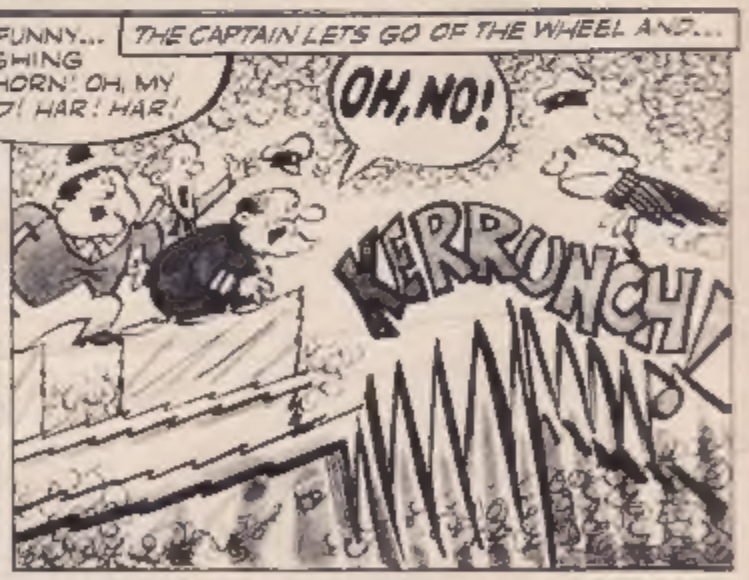

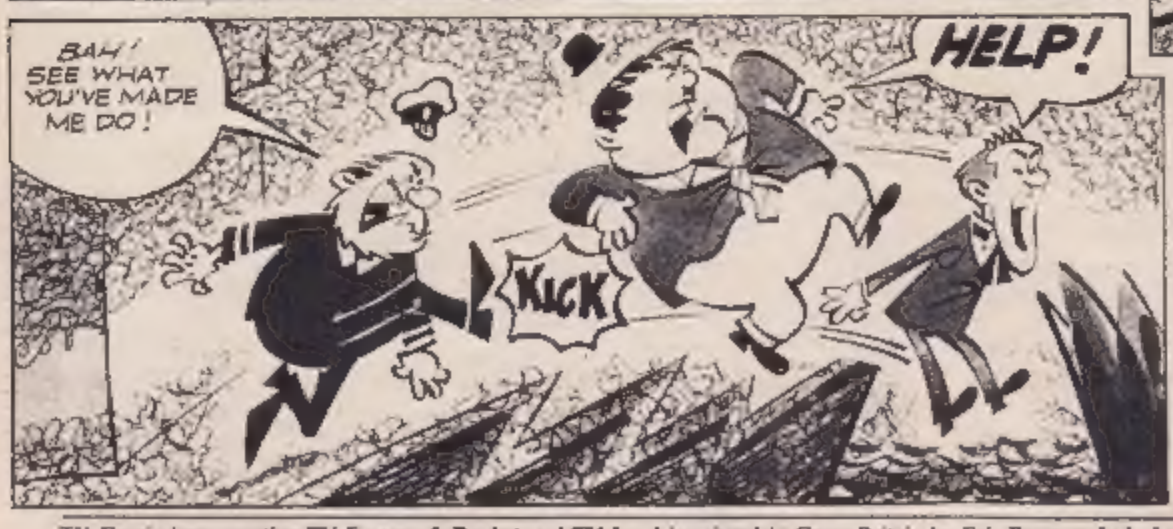

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Doctor WHO

ALIENS are threatening to throw Earth off its axis with an explosion. A few hours before detonation Dr. Who travels to the end of a cave, inhabited by Ice Apes, to find that only twelve feet of pack ice separates him from the Alien ship. Using dynamite he blasts through the ice . . .

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE CAVE MOUTH...
THEY CANNOT HAVE GONE FAR... HAVE YOUR WEAPONS AT THE READY!
COME ON, DOCTOR... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
IF MY PLAN WORKS, JAMIE, THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO RUN!

THE EAR-SPLITTING EXPLOSION HAS STIRRED THE SAVAGE ICE APES FROM THEIR LAIR...
RAWGH!
GRAAR!
AH! WHAT HIDEOUS MONSTERS ARE THESE?

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THE APES SOON FIGHT THEIR WAY INTO THE SPACE SHIP AND CRUSH THE LAST ALIEN RESISTANCE...

GRAR!

LET'S ENTER THE TUNNEL AND SEE WHO IS TAKING THE UPPER HAND IN THIS FIERCE BATTLE!

THE APES ARE RETURNING TO THEIR CHAMBER... THEY HAVE BEEN VICTORIOUS!

WHEN THEY ARE ALL INSIDE WE WILL BE ABLE TO CREEP DOWN THE CAVE AND ENTER THE ALIEN CRAFT!

MINUTES LATER...

WOW! THE ICE APES HAVE DESTROYED EVERYTHING!

IT ONLY REMAINS TO FIND THE BOMB WITH WHICH THEY PLANNED TO THROW EARTH OFF ITS AXIS!

THE DOCTOR SOON LOCATES THE BOMB...

I'VE REMOVED ITS FUSE... THE DEVICE IS NOW HARMLESS!

WHEN DR. WHO RETURNS TO THE TARDIS HE PLUGS HIMSELF INTO THE WORLD TELEVISION NETWORKS AND MAKES A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT...

YOU WILL NOT KNOW WHO I AM, VIEWERS.. IT MATTERS LITTLE! WHAT DOES MATTER IS THAT THE ALIEN THREAT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH AND EARTH IS SAFE!

THANK GOODNESS!

Next week Dr. Who clashes with the Quarks in a great new story: Jungle of Doom!

POPEYE

WE BRUNCH

BAH! NOT A PENNY..I IS SICK O' BEING POOR!

A LITTLE LATER...

I CAN'T EVEN AFFORD AN ICE-CREAM SODA LIKE THE OTHER KIDS!

WHAT ARE YA DOIN', SWEE'PEA?

I IS WONDERIN' HOW T' MAKE A MILLION!

ARF! ARF! ARF! THAT'S EASY... THE SECRET IS TO THINK BIG!

THE FELLER WHAT BUILT THAT BUILDING WEREN'T THINKING SMALL!

MINUTES LATER...

THE SWAB WHO LAID THIS RAILROAD THOUGHT BIG!

HE THOUGHT COAST TO COAST!

WHEN MR. KIMES STARTED PRODUCING SPINACH HE DIDN'T PLANT NO PEA PATCH...

...HE PLANTED A MILLION ACRES!

WOW!

I HOPE YA HAS LISTENED TO ME AND LEARNED SUMPIN' FROM OUR TALK!

I HAS! I HAS!

WHAT'LL YA HAVE, YOUNG MAN?

HMM? NOW LET ME SEE...

I'LL HAVE A HUNDRED AN' SIXTY ICE-CREAM SODAS!

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Next week Wimpy visits Burgerland where hamburgers cost a penny each!